2008 Minimum Wage Submission Form

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Question 1: Summary of Submission:

Council rates, even people who rent, pay this rates, as they are most of the times included in the rent, (and landlords claim them on their tax return). The price of groceries across the country should be taken into account, especially the cost of fresh fruit and vegies, because with today's obesity epidemic, it is very essential people can afford them. Also the cost of meat, petrol, not every person can use public transport. In country towns, the only transport is their own. Electricity, water, gas, just about every essential for a reasonable living. Everything has gone up that much in a very short time, and the outlook is not the best to come. A lot of businesses recording record profits, on what expenses? By keeping wages as low as they can. Not theirs, (the managers and bosses,) the real workers, who make their business a profitable.

Question 2: The capacity for the unemployed and the low paid to obtain and remain in employment:

You never can please every one, but if the majority earns a reasonable wage, people are in general happier. It can bring a better productivity rate, also, people are in general healthier if they are satisfied with their work and their employer.

Question 3: Employment and competitiveness across the economy:

There should be a paragraph open for businesses who are curious struggling financially, so the three parties, (Fair Wage Commission, Employer and Employee) to come to an agreement for a fair wage, or some sort of a table, where a fair wage can be worked out beside the minimum wage which will be fair to both sides. An agreement can then be worked out and signed by two parties, or may be even by all three. It is no point bringing a business to close the door, and and everyone loses the job, just for the sake of a fixed minimum wage.

Question 4: The provision of a safety net for the low paid:

Question 5: The provision of minimum wages for junior employees, employees to whom training arrangements apply and employees with
disabilities that ensure those employees are competitive in the labour market:

Question 6: Issues arising from previous decision:

Question 7: Conclusion

I am on a Disability Support Pension, for some reason it changes me always to New Start Allowances, which is wrong.